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# TUES. WED. THURS.

Helped Tim  
with speech.  
Told him to  
pick a topic  
he enjoys.  
Tim picked  
mountain  
bikes. We had  
a bowl of my  
delicious cereal.  
Sent blue  
suit to cleaners.

Took Tim  
his favorite  
cereal, Cap'n  
Crunch. He's  
not sure  
about giving a  
speech to his  
class.



Tim's speech  
is getting  
better. Got him  
to imagine his  
audience in  
their underwear.  
So he wouldn't  
be so nervous.  
Brought  
Tim 2 more  
boxes of  
Crunch.  
He loves  
that  
sweet  
crunchy  
taste!

Tim can't wait  
to give speech.  
Maybe all he  
needed was to  
Crunch up his  
confidence.  
Cleared  
my  
room.  
Have  
to stop  
eating  
my cereal in  
bed.

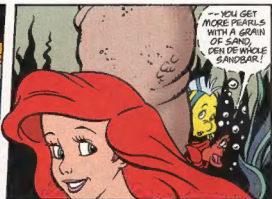
Tim's speech  
was terrific!  
Got applause  
from the whole  
class. I knew  
he could  
do it. Weekend!  
Time to  
go to national  
speech  
box  
papers!



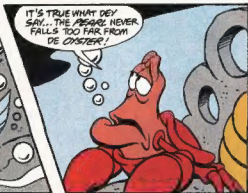
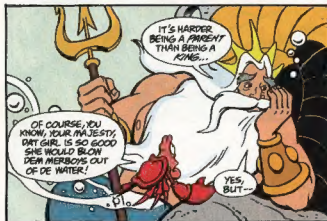
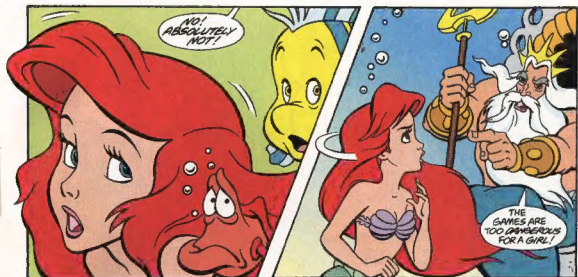
You and the Cap'n make it happen!



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IN THE PALACE  
STABLES...

ARIEL?  
ARE YOU IN  
HERE?

ARIEL!!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?!

WHAT I  
SHOULD HAVE  
DONE A LONG  
TIME AGO,  
FLOUNDER!

WHY SHOULD  
I HAVE TO SIT  
AROUND AND WATCH  
A BUNCH OF  
BOYS RIDE?

WELL, MAYBE IT'S  
NOT FAIR,  
BUT...

...FACE IT, ARIEL,  
YOU'RE STUCK  
WITH BEING A  
GIRL!

MAYBE  
NOT!

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I WANT A  
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HONEST  
CONTEST.

GO OUT THERE AND  
GIVE ME YOUR BEST!

AND REMEMBER, THE WINNER  
WILL EARN A SPECIAL POSITION  
ON THE ROYAL MERMAID  
MOUNTIES!

SIGH!  
WHY DID I  
HAVE TO BE  
BORN A  
GIRL?

TRY TO  
SHOW SOME  
INTEREST,  
ARIEL!

WHATEVER  
YOU SAY,  
DADDY!

HI,  
GUYS!

YOU SURE, CARRY?  
I THOUGHT IT  
WAS A BURP!

YOU TWO  
LOSERS MIGHT  
AS WELL  
QUIT NOW...

...THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
MERBOY WHO'S  
GOING TO WIN  
THIS CONTEST  
...ME!

THE NAME'S SNAPPER, MY  
LITTLE PRINCESS, AND I'M  
GOING TO WIN THIS CONTEST  
JUST FOR  
YOU!

OH,  
BROTHER!

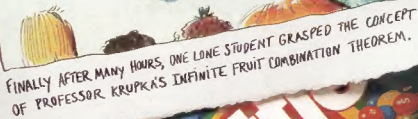
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DID YA SEE THAT?  
THE PRINCESS  
SMILED AT ME!





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EVENT BEGINS...

LET'S GET  
ON WITH THIS, I'VE  
GOT A CONTEST  
TO WIN!

AS SOON  
AS I SET THE  
FINAL RING, YOU  
BOYS CAN--

CLANK CLANK CLANK

WHOOOAAA

BRAVO!  
THE GAMES  
ARE OFF TO  
A ROUSING  
START!

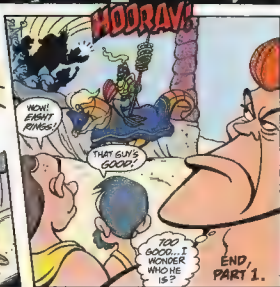
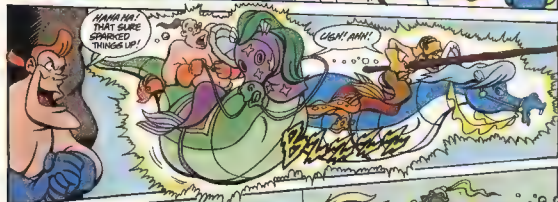
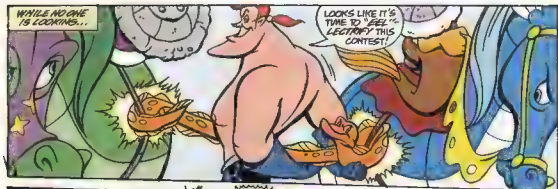
AH, SORRY,  
BUT I'VE  
GOT TO GO...  
I--I LEFT  
SOMETHING  
IN MY  
ROOM!

...GO!

FIVE  
RINGS! LET'S  
SEE ANOTHER  
MERBOY TOP  
THAT!

THE  
CONTEST ISN'T  
OVER YET,  
ARIEL!

DON'T  
WORRY, DADDY.  
I WON'T MISS  
A THING!



TOO GOOD... I WONDER WHO HE IS?

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# THE SEA HORSE TOURNAMENT

## Part 2: *NO CONTEST*

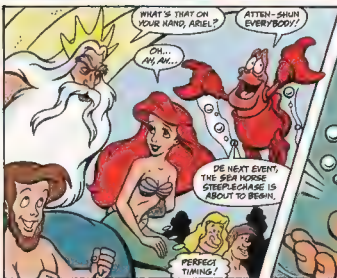
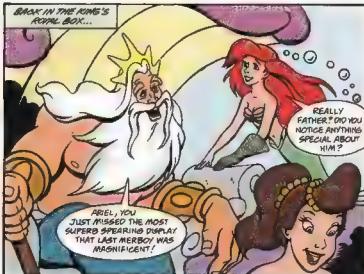
IN A SECLUDED  
TACK ROOM...

I DID IT,  
FLOUNDER!  
I KNEW I  
COULD!

YOU SHOWED  
THEM ALL, AREL,  
BUT...

...BUT MAYBE  
YOU SHOULD GET  
BACK TO YOUR SEAT  
BEFORE SOMEONE  
SEES YOU!







**STOP  
CRAWLING  
THE WALLS!**

**THE MOMENT**

**YOU'VE BEEN**

**WAITING FOR**

**HAS ARRIVED**

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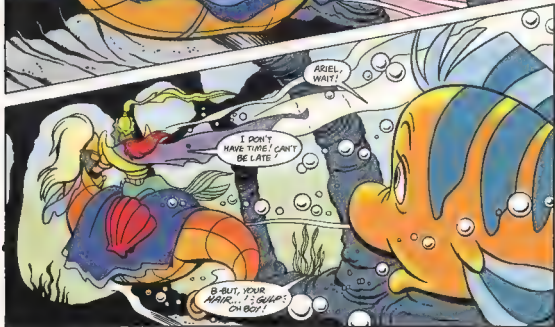
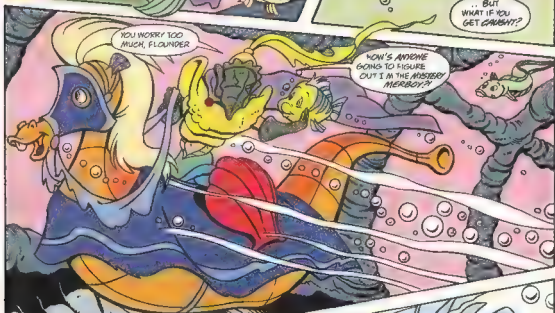
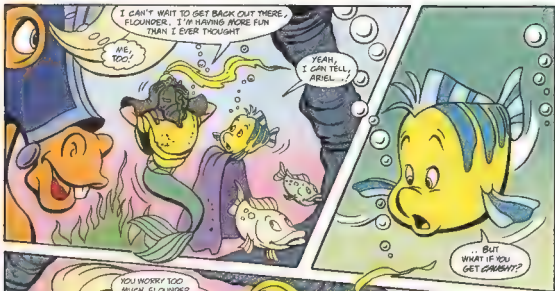
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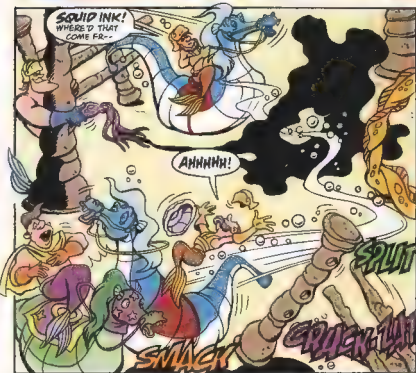
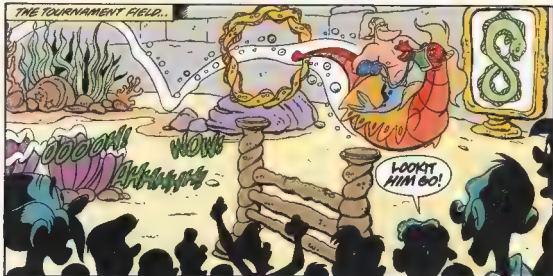
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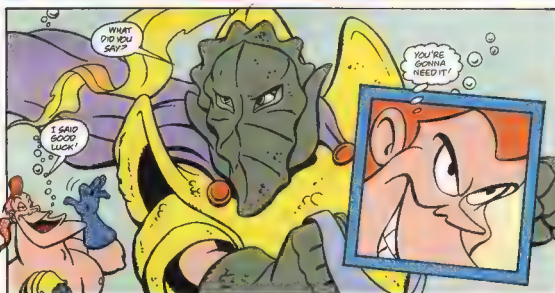
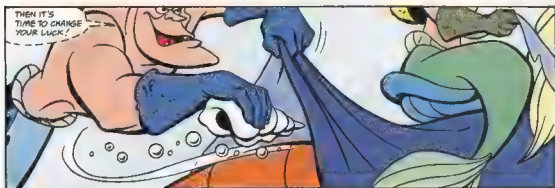
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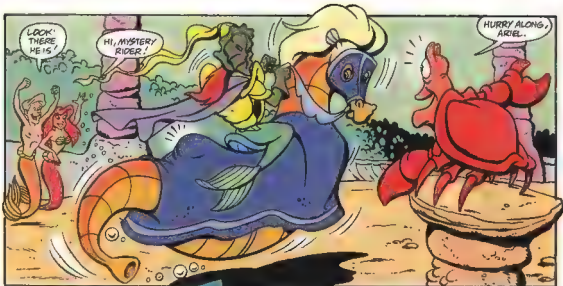












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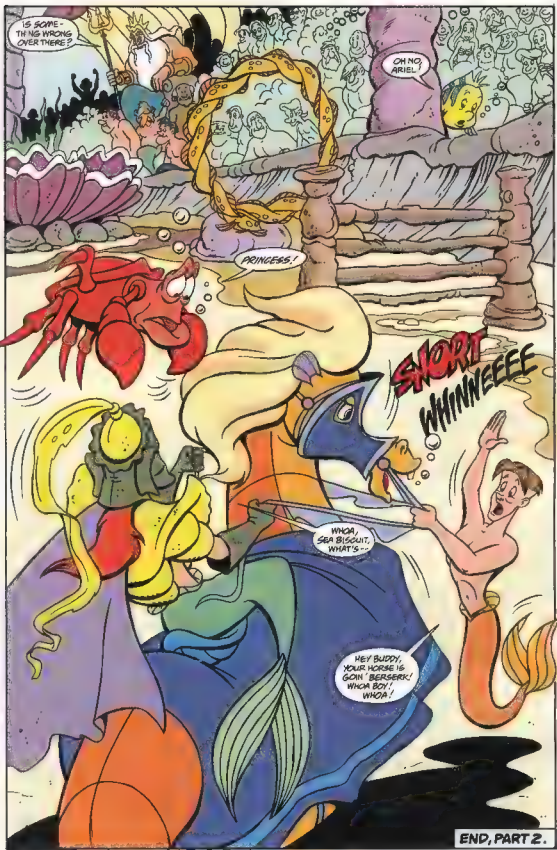
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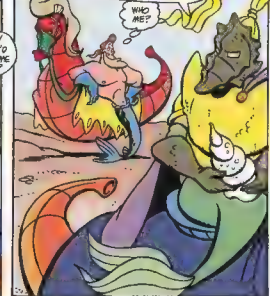
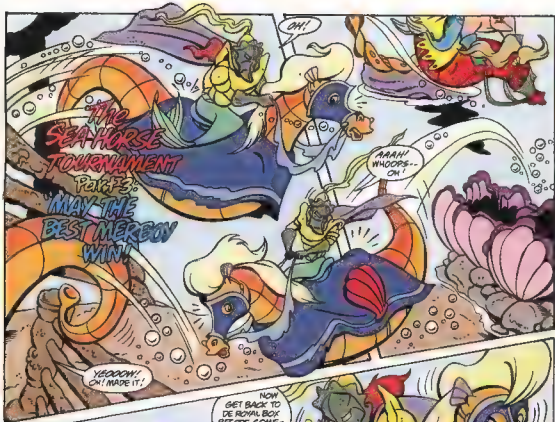


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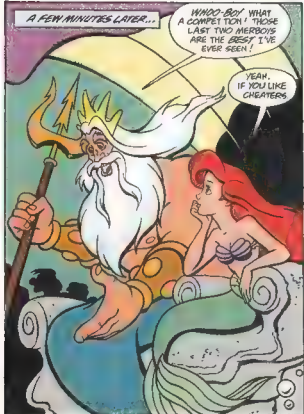




A FEW MINUTES LATER...

WHOO-BOY! WHAT A COMPETITION! THOSE LAST TWO MERBOYS ARE THE BEST I'VE EVER SEEN!

YEAH, IF YOU LIKE CHEATERS



WATCH YOUR TONGUE, ARIEL! CHEATING IS A SERIOUS CHARGE. HAVE YOU ANY PROOF?

IT'S, AH, JUST A FEELING...

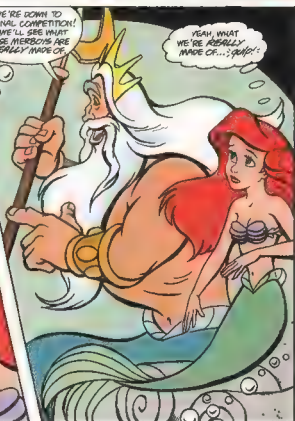
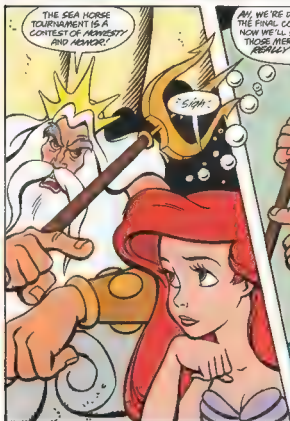


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AH, WE'RE DOWN TO THE FINAL COMPETITION! NOW WE'LL SEE WHAT THOSE MERBOYS ARE REALLY MADE OF.

SIGH

YEAH, WHAT WE'RE REALLY MADE OF...:GASP!:



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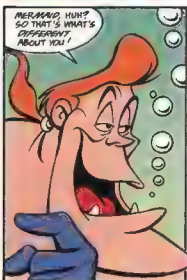
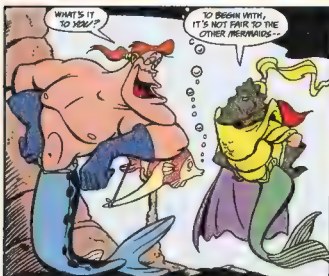
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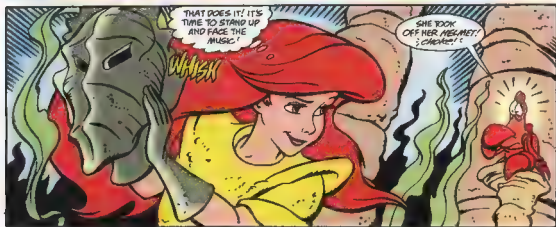
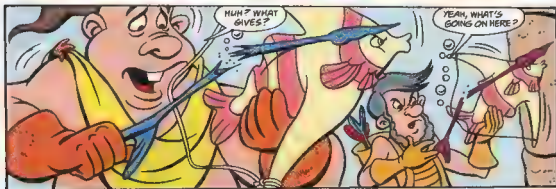
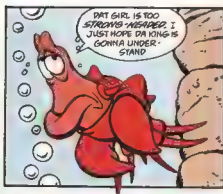
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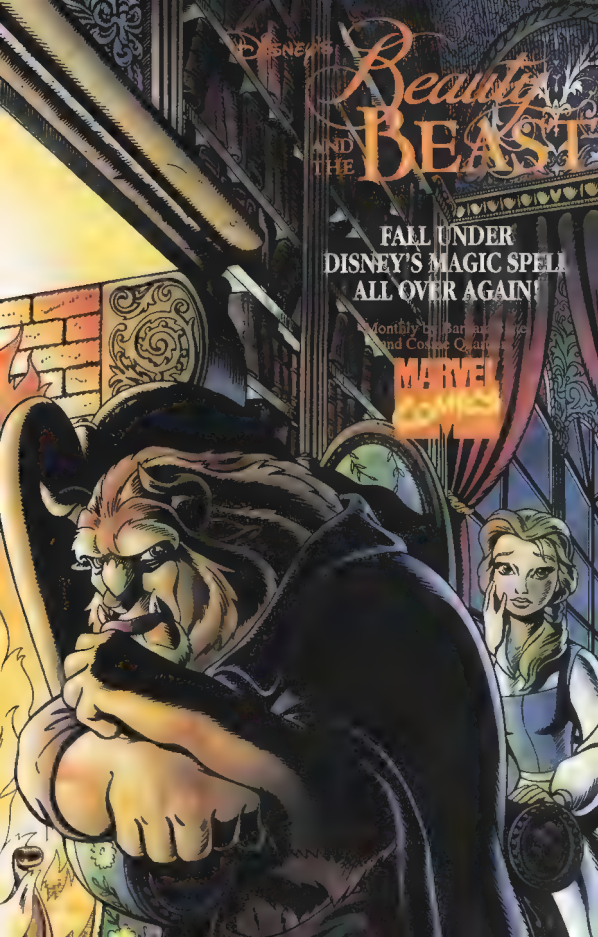
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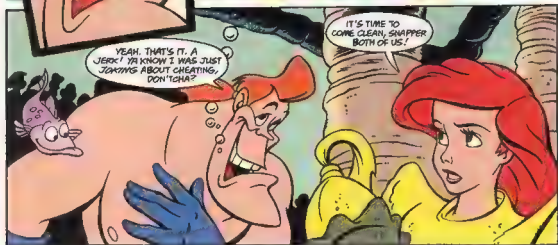
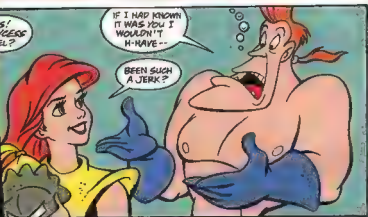
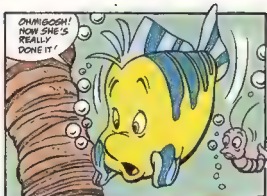
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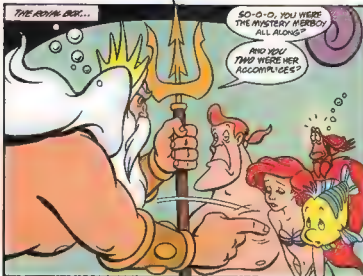
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LATER AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY...

... AND THE GOLD SEASHELL GOES TO MY DAUGHTER, ARIEL, WHO SHOWED TRUE GRIT AND DETERMINATION

'YIPPEE' WAY TO GO, ARIEL! YOU WON!

DOES THIS MEAN I GET TO RIDE WITH THE ROYAL MOUNTIES, DADDY?

YES, ARIEL I'M SURE YOU CAN EVEN TEACH THOSE BOYS A THING OR TWO ABOUT RIDING.

AFTER YOU HELP SNAPPER CLEAN UP THE STABLES!

RUB IT IN, WHY DON'TCHA?

HOO-RAH!

YAY!

THAT'S SHOWING EM, ARIEL!

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE MERMAID MOUNTIE!

YEP DA TIMES DEY ARE DEFINITELY A'CHANGIN'!

THE END

# LITTLE MERMAIL

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Dear Little Mermaid,

I just wanted to let you guys at Marvel know that you've done a great job picking up where Disney left off! The stories are great and they all have a sweet moral, which seems to enthrall little kids. I thought issue #4 was really good but, I think they've all lacked something — and that is seriousness. That aspect of the comic is fine for little kids — they don't want believable, they just want Ariel and Flounder. But your older readers, which judging by your letters column you have a lot of, would no doubt appreciate a slightly more complex storyline. Otherwise the pencils, the inkers, the colorist and the writers are all wonderful! Keep up the good work! Oh and by the way, Sebastian's cameo was in Aladdin, when Genie was searching his recipe book for how to make a prince!

Lesley Rockwell, age 15  
Smithfield, PA

Thanks for the good words, Lesley! We pride ourselves on bringing important messages along with dazzling entertainment to our readers young and old! While we do have the occasional dramatic moment, we want readers to be able to escape from the inevitable seriousness of everyday life! And yes, Sebastian was just short of becoming crab dip in Disney's Aladdin movie!

Dear People with Ariel,

I know everything about Ariel. I have almost everything that is made with her on it! My Little Mermaid motto is, I see it, I get it! I just finished discovering THE LITTLE MERMAID comics and reading issue #1. I loved it! I've watched the movie over 5,000 times (I've been counting.) I hope I can get to the store more often so I can buy the other issues of TLM!

TFABLMFE,  
Jennifer Maegan, age 12 1/2  
Spokane, WA

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TSMFRU, Jennifer! In other words, Thanks So Much For Reading Us. We have a motto of our own, make great books, collect great fans!

Dear Little Mermaid,

I am a huge The Little Mermaid fan. My room is full of memorabilia. I heard the movie was going to be re-released in 1995. Is this true?

Shelly Ashton, age 18  
Fredericton, NB, Canada

You should see our office! Sorry, Shelly, as much as we all would love to see our beloved Ariel on the big screen again, Disney has no plans to re-release the animated feature in 1995. The good news is they do have new animated films being released this year! Don't miss "Pocahontas" coming this June, and "Toy Story" coming your way at Thanksgiving! We can't wait!

Dear Little Mermaid,

I am 4 years old and I have Cystic Fibrosis. I love Ariel and all of her friends. I don't have the movie, but I have seen it many times. My mom and dad have started getting me the THE LITTLE MERMAID comic books but, I am missing #4. Although I am too young to read, my parents read them to me. My mom is going to start a subscription for me real soon so I don't miss anymore issues of TLM. My mom helped me write this letter because I can't write yet! Thanks a bunch!

April Piargalski, age 4  
Michigan City, IN

It is we who should be thanking you, April! Hearing from special fans like you and your parents makes the ocean a better place to be. A fond fin-shake to your mom for helping you write to us! Reeling THE LITTLE MERMAID right into your own home is a great idea! By subscribing, you're guaranteed not to miss any of Ariel's bubbly adventures. If any of our other fans are interested in subscribing to TLM or any of the Disney titles, simply fill

## Trivia Question:

In her very own animated TV series, Ariel and her special friend Gabriella are in Starfish Land searching for the Magic Starfish to grant them what two wishes?



For the answer to TLM #7 trivia question, see Jonathan's letter! Anchors away to Erin Lynn Riggs, 10, Greensboro, NC; Anthony Covino, 16, Waterbury, CT; and David Rubio, 32, El Paso, TX who also answered correctly!

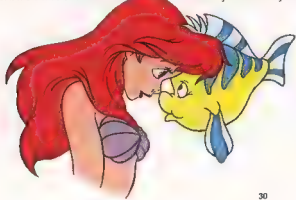
out the subscription form in this very issue and mail it in! For those of you under 18, be sure to check with a parent or an adult first. Enjoy!

Dear Little Mermaid,

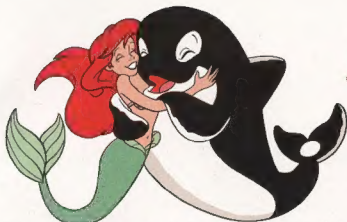
The Little Mermaid was and will forever be my favorite movie! I even have my own "treasure grotto" like Ariel consisting of TLM memorabilia. But like Ariel, I am always looking for more to add to my collection and Marvel's THE LITTLE MERMAID is just the thing! When Disney made a four issue mini-series, I was very disappointed that there would not be any more. But, to have the magic of Marvel bring to life the many exciting undersea adventures of Ariel is totally fin-omenal! The stories and the artwork are first rate and the issues keep getting better. As long as you keep publishing THE LITTLE MERMAID, I'll keep buying them!

Elizabeth Koussey, age 19  
Shelton, CT

You sure know how to make a collection complete, Elizabeth! It's fin-atics like you that keep THE LITTLE MERMAID afloat! With the magic of Marvel and the marvel of Disney, it's guaranteed that future issues of TLM will keep you swimming for more!







Dear Hildy and Lisa,

"There Goes the Neighborhood" was excellent in every way! I was hoping sooner or later you would bring in Dudley. Bring him back for another *slow* appearance if possible! Please, please, please give us Scuttle! I like the bird. Finally, never ever drop Walter Carzon from this book! This guy is really good with his pencils, as is Dave Hunt with his inks! Brother, that's quality!

Jonathan Gray, age 15  
Atlanta, GA

P.S. Who is Lisa Ramee? The answer to your trivia question from THE LITTLE MERMAID #7 is a fork and Ariel uses it in her hair!

We know a good catch when we see one, Jonathan! We wouldn't dream of throwing back sea-sational artists, Walter Carzon and Dave Hunt! You must be a true THE LITTLE MERMAID fan - Ariel's shipwreck adventure led to the discovery of a fork that she used to comb her hair! Our wonderful friend Lisa Ramee is our creative liaison at Disney Studio. Lisa goes above and beyond the call of duty to help us bring you the very best stories about your favorite Disney characters! Unfortunately, our feathered friend, Scuttle, won't be flying in to see us any time soon because TLM animated series takes place before Ariel has gone up to the surface! Hang in there though, Ariel has several lovable new comrades to pal around with!

Dear Ariel,

Today I got my very own comic book. I picked out THE LITTLE MERMAID #7, the one with "Weed Worries". I'm impressed with Ariel's courage and bravery to go outside of her kingdom having those sharks chase her! Then Spot came to her rescue. I

bet she was surprised to see him! How is old Spot anyway?

Betsy Jordan, age 9  
Cadillac, MI

Spot, as well as the rest of the gang couldn't be better, Betsy! Ariel is one brave mermaid — and she's lucky to have good friends like Spot.

Dear Mer-folk,

I cannot tell you how happy I am that you are continuing THE LITTLE MERMAID comic! See, I've loved The Little Mermaid ever since I was in grammar school. I was absolutely thrilled when Disney came out with the movie and then the video. And now there's your wonderful comic book series! As I've always said, I want MORE, MORE, MORE! I am a serious collector of The Little Mermaid stuff. My room looks like a shrine. I have enjoyed this new series so much that I have subscribed to it! I've also ordered BEAUTY & THE BEAST and ALADDIN! They are all super! Keep up the terrific work. I love them all!

Melanie Salaki, age 25  
Northfield, VT

We always want MORE, MORE, MORE too, Melanie — more fans like you! And probably the only difference between your gadgets and gizmos, and Ariel's, is about a thousand gallons of seawater! And be careful what you wish for, Melanie! When Ariel wished for more — she got it! Thanks for writing!

Dear Hildy and Lisa,

Of the many comics I bought last year, THE LITTLE MERMAID was my pick for the top single issue comic book of 1994. In more recent times, however, I thoroughly enjoyed TLM#7. It intrigued me because I wanted to find out the reason for the weeds and how the problem of getting rid of them would be solved. I love anything aquatic and that's why I look forward to future issues. Keep them coming, my fine finny friends!

David Booth, age 38  
Agincourt, Ontario, Canada

Well, knock us over with a *flongleaved*, David! We can't tell you how thrilled it makes us when we hear such glowing words from our fans! And while you're reading this very issue, the next THE LITTLE MERMAID will be floating onto the shelves of your local comic book shops and newsstands. See you then!

Dear Little Mermaid,

I absolutely love The Little Mermaid in any shape it takes (i.e. movie, video, comic

## NEXT MONTH:

**T**he Sorrowful Sea Monster". Ariel and Flounder discover a cave where a hideously cute sea monster lives. Ariel wants to invite him to visit Atlantica, but can she get the merfolks of Atlantica to see that beauty is only *fin* deep?!



book)! I wish to subscribe, but I think it is unfair to expect people from other countries to have to send their subscriptions to America. It would be easier if you had a subscriptions department in other countries so foreign subscribers would not have to change currency. I was also wondering, if the \$14.95 subscription fee is for two comics or for one? I love you THE LITTLE MERMAID and ALADDIN comics!

TLM adorer,  
Rachel Cotter, age 15  
North Rocks, Sydney, Australia

And we love when our fans come in all different shapes and forms, Rachell! Sorry for the confusion about subscriptions, let's see if we can explain it better for you. A one year (12 issue) subscription of the first comic book title you order is \$14.95, and each additional one year (12 issue) subscription is only \$8.95. For example, if you order 2 titles — i.e. THE LITTLE MERMAID and ALADDIN — your total would be \$14.95 plus \$8.95 = \$23.90. Unfortunately, our subscription department is located in the U.S.A. and can only accept American currency. Hope this helps!



We goofed! The artist who inked THE LITTLE MERMAID #8 was Rich Hoover, and not Dave Hunt! Sincere apologies to Rich and Dave.

## ALSO THIS MONTH:

Disney's  
**Beauty  
and the Beast**

Do The  
**Disney  
Afternoon**

Disney's  
**Aladdin**

# Barbie



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